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prohibit the use of nitrous oxide on...in vehicles on Nebraska highways. Under Nebraska statutes, highways means all public roadways in the state. Let me make this clear, this...that this amendment would in no way prevent the use of nitrous oxide systems by weekend hobbyists on racetracks. This amendment was previously LB 345, which was advanced from the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee by a 8 to 0 vote. We have heard this bill several times on the floor. I'm...I briefly discussed this same amendment last session, as an amendment to LB 75, which was then Senator Connealy's ethanol bill before it became a retirement bill. Nothing has changed from my introduction of this bill as an amendment under LB 75. Nitrous oxide is a clear, colorless gas that is used in race cars to provide an extra power boost to acceleration. A nitrous oxide system is installed by putting a canister of the nitrous oxide in the trunk, and putting a toggle switch on the dashboard. When the switch is turned on it mixes nitrous oxide into that vehicle's gasoline supply, and increases engine power. There was some opposition to my early attempts at regulating the use of nitrous oxide, because it was believed that my first bill was too broad, and it would affect legitimate uses of nitrous oxide. I have since made corrections to the wording of the bill. It will simply say that it is unlawful to use nitrous oxide in any motor vehicle operated on any highway in this state. This language change was not opposed by any lobby groups at the committee hearing. It is my intent that by passing this amendment that our streets and highways will have an increased level of safety. I would answer any questions if I could. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Robak has accurately described her bill. This bill has been in our committee several times in the past. I think it has been...I know that it has been worked on and amended, and the wording has been fine tuned such that this year there was no opposition to the bill, whereas some years in the past there was some limited opposition by some...particularly some...some car...car enthusiasts, I guess you'd say. And the committee did unanimously support advancement of the bill. Senator Robak